

Dakota Inn Rathskeller

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Historic Overview:

The Dakota Inn Rathskeller is Detroit's only remaining German Tavern, that features ethnic food, sing-a-longs, and German beverages. Karl Kurz, a German native designed and built the building between 1934 and 1938. His intent was to evoke the atmosphere of a German bierstude on the exterior as well as the interior.

The interior of the building has a center stage in the shape of a wine barrel with a 19th century piano and mock organ pipes. The Oak Room is rightly called because of its oak paneled walls. Paintings of German scenes on the walls and behind the bar are by a local artist Albert Stoye. The light fixture above the bar is a wooden carving of an innkeeper from Oberamegau Germany.¹

¹ Information obtained from the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites Nomination.

